DR. M. M. WILKERSON

LSU Press Director Is Dead at 56

Baton Rouge, March 14 (AP)—Dr. Marcus M. Wilkerson, director of the Louisiana State university press, died today at his home after a short illness.

The 56-year-old journalism professor and college publisher joined the LSU faculty in 1924 after serving as a legislative correspondent for several Louisiana newspapers and working for the Associated Press.

He was the author of "Public Opinion and the Spanish American War: A Study in War Propaganda" and "Thomas Bunket Boyd: The Story of a Southern Educator."

Born in Rapides parish, Wilkerson received his bachelor and master degree from LSU and his Ph.D from the University of Wisconsin.

Listed in Who's Who as a publisher-journalist, he built the LSU press into one of the outstanding college presses in the country.

Dr. Wilkerson is survived by his widow, Helen Wilkerson.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.